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September 10, 2011

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property (APN 169-331-15), Forest Knolls, Marin County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to support the application from Marin County Parks (Parks) for the acquisition of the Morrison property adjacent to the Gary Giacomini Open Space Preserve (Preserve).


The acquisition of this critical undeveloped forest and chaparral habitat would protect a variety of species and habitats, the unique "rock spiral" and preserve public access to the Preserve and to other public lands.

This 22-acre site supports two rare plants - Mt. Tamalpais and Bolinas manzanita - and provides nesting areas for the Northern Spotted Owl. In addition, acquisition of this property would preserve in perpetuity public access to the Preserve via the Manzanita Fire Road. The acquisition would also allow Parks to continue its efforts to improve the condition of the fire road, and thereby decrease erosion and reduce sedimentation into San Geronimo Creek, which damages coho salmon habitat. Lastly, the Manzanita Fire Road provides a connection to the San Geronimo Ridge Fire Road, which is a designated segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, and provides links to other public lands, including Marin Municipal Water District lands, Samuel P. Taylor State Park, and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

The property is one of the buildable parcels that remain of previous subdivisions. Parks' appraisal estimates the value of the property at \$650,000, and has entered into a year-long purchase agreement with the property owner. I support Coastal Conservancy staff's recommendation that the grant application be funded in the amount of \$450,000. With this funding, along with Parks commitment of \$100,000, Parks can initiate a fundraising campaign to close the gap and acquire the property.

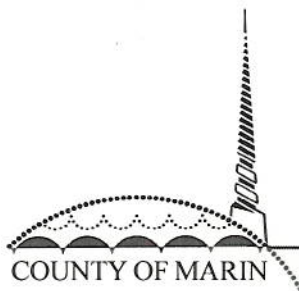
Thank you for your serious consideration.

Sincerely,

  
JARED HUFFMAN  
Assemblymember, 6<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Linda Dahl, Director, Marin County Parks

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September 6, 2011

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

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In conclusion, I strongly support the funding of this grant application, and the purchase of this important property. Thank you for your thorough consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Steve Kinsey, Supervisor, District Four

cc: Linda Dahl, Director, Marin County Parks  
James Raives, Senior Planner, Marin County Parks

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September 5, 2011

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property (APN 169-331-15), Forest Knolls, Marin County

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This property has been a high priority for San Geronimo Valley residents and our Valley membership for access to the Giacomini Open Space Preserve and adjacent public lands since acquisition of the land for the Giacomini Preserve in 1995. It wraps around every village below San Geronimo Ridge for five miles.

The San Geronimo Valley Planning Group supports the application from Marin County Parks (Parks) for the acquisition of the Morrison property adjacent to the Gary Giacomini Open Space Preserve (Preserve). The acquisition of this critical undeveloped forest and chaparral habitat would protect a variety of species and habitats, the unique “rock spiral” and preserve public access to the Preserve and to other public lands.

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In conclusion, the Planning Group strongly supports the funding of this grant application, and the purchase of this important property. Thank you for your thorough consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,  
Jean Berensmeier, Chairperson

cc: Linda Dahl, Director, Marin County Parks  
James Raives, Senior Planner, Marin County Parks



September 9, 2011

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530



Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County Parks

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Marin Conservation League (MCL) would like to add its voice in support of the efforts by Marin County Parks to acquire the Morrison property adjacent to the Gary Giacomini Open space Preserve. The League has played a major role over the past 77 years in facilitating the acquisition of many of Marin's significant public lands and was instrumental in the establishment of the County Open Space District 40 years ago. The League continues to promote any opportunities to add key parcels that will improve public access to the preserves and at the same time protect vulnerable habitats in the county.

The 22-acre Morrison property offers a unique opportunity to preserve public access in perpetuity to a significant open space preserve and adjacent public lands, as well as to protect a variety of species – including two rare plants and northern spotted owl – in important forest and chaparral habitats. The property has been a high priority for acquisition since the Giacomini Preserve was established in 1995.

Acquiring the property will offer other advantages to the environment as well as the public. For example, it will enable Marin County Parks to continue its efforts to improve the condition of the Manzanita Fire Road and thereby reduce sedimentation into San Geronimo Creek, which provides major spawning habitat and is designated as critical habitat for the endangered Coho salmon. This fire road also provides connections for hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers to the San Geronimo Ridge Fire Road (a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail) and the adjacent public lands of Marin Municipal Water District, Samuel P. Taylor State Park, and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

MCL understands that the value of the property has been estimated at \$650,000 and that the owner is a willing seller. With the staff- recommended Coastal Conservancy grant in the amount of \$450,000 and Parks commitment of \$100,000, Parks could initiate a fundraising campaign to close the gap and acquire the property. MCL will join Marin County Parks and other non-profits in that effort, as it has in previous campaigns to raise funds for key open space acquisitions.

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URL: [www.marinconservationleague.org](http://www.marinconservationleague.org)

ADDRESS: 1623-A Fifth Avenue  
San Rafael, CA 94901



In conclusion, MCL strongly urges the Coastal Conservancy to award the proposed grant and thereby enable the purchase of this important property. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Stompe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" and last name "Stompe" clearly legible.

Susan Stompe, President

cc: Linda Dahl, Director, Marin County Parks

James Raives, Senior Planner, Marin County Parks



## **Salmon Protection And Watershed Network**

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8 September 2011

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

**Subject: Acquisition of Morrison Property (APN 169-331-15), Forest Knolls, Marin County**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Salmon Protection And Watershed Network (SPAWN), which works to protect and restore the Lagunitas Watershed, supports Marin County's request for funds to purchase the **Morrison Property** in Forest Knolls, located in the headwaters (San Geronimo sub-watershed) of the Lagunitas Watershed.

The importance of maintaining functioning native habitat in this watershed for the protection and restoration of critically endangered Central California Coast coho salmon and threatened steelhead trout cannot be overstated.

- Coho Recovery Plan-- San Geronimo sub-watershed has been specifically recognized in the National Marine Fisheries Service Coho Recovery Plan for habitat protection, land acquisition, and restoration that support improved stream functions.
- Priority Conservation Area-- "*San Geronimo Headwaters Of Lagunitas Creek And The Shore Of Tomales Bay*" is officially listed by The Association of Bay Area Governments as a **Priority Conservation Areas** for land acquisition.

This particular acquisition would also allow the County to continue its efforts to improve the condition of the fire road that runs through it, to reduce harmful sedimentation into San Geronimo Creek, which damages coho salmon habitat.

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Exhibit 3: Project Letters

In addition, the acquisition of functioning forest and chaparral habitat would protect a variety of species of special concern including the endangered northern spotted owl, and two rare plants - Mt. Tamalpais and Bolinas Manzanita.

We support public use of funds for acquisition of this important habitat, and SPAWN remains available and delighted to assist in future restoration efforts at the site.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Todd Steiner  
Executive Director

cc: Linda Dahl, Director, Marin County Parks  
James Raives, Senior Planner, Marin County Parks



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**P.O. Box 146**  
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September 2, 2011

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing this letter in support of the application from Marin County Parks (Marin Parks) for the acquisition of the Morrison property (APN 169-331-15) in Forest Knolls, Marin County, adjacent to the Gary Giacomini Open Space Preserve (Giacomini Preserve). My home is immediately adjacent to the northernmost portion of the Morrison property. I have lived here since 1988 and am very familiar with the Morrison Property. It is an undeveloped, forested, 22-acre property that abuts the northern boundary of the Giacomini Preserve. The property straddles the Manzanita Fire Road, a primary route for public access to the Giacomini Preserve. The acquisition of this property by Marin Parks will protect public access to the Preserve and to the public lands beyond, reaching to the coast. Equally important, it will protect the watershed of San Geronimo Creek, an important spawning area for coho salmon, as well as a variety of rare plant species and habitats on the property itself.

As long as this property remains in private ownership and subject to development, public access to the Manzanita Fire Road is endangered. Acquisition of this property by Marin Parks would ensure permanent public access to the Preserve over the Manzanita Fire Road. The Manzanita Fire Road also provides a connection, through the Preserve, to the San Geronimo Ridge Fire Road, which is a designated segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, and provides links to other public lands, including the GGNRA and the Pt. Reyes National Seashore.

Acquisition of this property would also enable Marin Parks to upgrade the Manzanita Fire Road to decrease sedimentation and erosion into San Geronimo Creek, thereby protecting critical habitat for coho salmon.

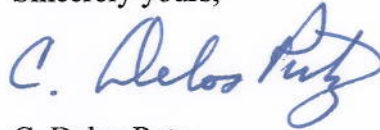
The appraisal obtained by Marin Parks estimates the value of this 22-acre property at \$650,000.00. The County has entered into an agreement with the owner to purchase the property within one year at this price. I understand that your staff is recommending that the grant application be funded in the amount of \$450,000.00. With this funding, along with Marin Parks'



commitment of \$100,000.00, Parks can initiate a fundraising campaign to close the gap and acquire the property.

The funding sought by Marin Parks is crucial to the purchase of the Morrison property. As a long-time resident of the San Geronimo Valley and an immediate neighbor to the Morrison Property, I urge you to approve this grant application in the full amount recommended by your staff.

Sincerely yours,



C. Delos Putz

cc: Linda Dahl, Director, Marin County Parks  
James Raives, Senior Planner, Marin County Parks

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OAKLAND, CALIF.

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State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 946122530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property (APN 16933115),  
Forest Knolls, Marin County

September 6, 2011

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing in support of funding of the grant application for acquiring the Morrison Property. My home is thirty minutes hiking time from this beautiful piece of property. I've been hiking this area for over Twenty years. To preserve such a pristine setting so close to our urban surroundings is a unique opportunity that doesn't come along very often.

Please support this golden opportunity.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Fisher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Fisher" clearly legible.

David Fisher, Forest Knolls resident.

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**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Nancy Hanson [nandeana@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 08, 2011 1:42 PM  
**Cc:** jraives@co.marin.ca.us; jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Subject:** letter of support: acquisition Morrison Property, Marin County

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94912-2530

September 8, 2011

Dear Mr. Bosco:

We support the application from Marin County Parks for the acquisition of the Morrison property adjacent to the Giacomini Open Space Preserve. This 22 acre site is ideally suited to become part of our protected county lands for many reasons. We've hoped for this for many years here in the San Geronimo Valley.

Thank you for helping Marin County Parks to acquire this important property.

Sincerely,

Nancy and Dean Hanson  
PO Box 1184,  
Woodacre, CA 94973



**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Jesse [jesseandashley@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 7:13 AM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Morrison Property Acquisition

September 13, 2011

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property (APN 169-331-15), Forest Knolls, Marin County

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Jesse Wernick  
Forest Knolls, Ca 94934

September 13, 2011

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1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
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I support it because:

- It will provide public access to the Giacomini Open Space Preserve for all users.
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- It will protect the fire road connection to the San Geronimo Ridge Fire Road, a designated segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, as well as links to MMWD lands, Samuel P. Taylor State Park, and the GGNRA.
- It will allow Parks to continue restoration projects that decrease erosion and sedimentation into San Geronimo Creek, which damages coho salmon habitat.

Finally, it is important to note that it is listed in the National Marine Fisheries Service Coho Recovery Plan for habitat protection and land acquisition as well as listed by the Association of Bay Area Governments as a Priority Conservation Area for land acquisition.

Thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,

John A. Carroll (And Family)  
Woodacre (Formerly of Lagunitas & Forest Knolls)

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Carol [crebscher@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 6:54 AM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** Jean Berensmeier

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Sincerely,  
Carol and Steve Rebscher  
Woodacre



**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** dan mckenna [danieljmmckenna@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 7:47 AM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** jean berensmeier  
**Subject:** Open Space Land Aquisitionh

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, California 94612-2530  
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Finally, it is important to note that it is listed in the National Marine Fisheries Service Coho Recovery Plan for habitat protection and land acquisition as well as listed by the Association of Bay Area Governments as a Priority Conservation Area for land acquisition.

Sincerely,  
*Dan McKenna*

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Harold Hedelman [haroldhedelman@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 8:19 AM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** jeanberens@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Important addition to open space in San Geronimo Valley  
**Attachments:** Morrison support letter.doc

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I'm writing as a resident of the San Geronimo Valley and in support of Marin County Parks and Open Space District's application to acquire the Morrison property in Forest Knolls. Adding this parcel to our Open Space is critically important for multiple reasons:

1. It is listed in the NMFS Coho Recovery Plan
2. It is listed by ABAG as a Priority Conservation Area.
3. It will help protect a number of species of special concern including two rare plants(the Mt. Tamalpais Manzanita and Bolinas Manzanita) and protect nesting areas for the northern spotted owl.
4. It will allow our Open Space District to continue restoration projects that reduce the erosion and sedimentation into San Geronimo Creek which damages coho salmon habitat.

In addition to the above environmental benefits, the acquisition will benefit the community by

1. Preserving our community's "rock spiral", a popular local destination
2. Protect the fire road connection to the San Geronimo Ridge Fire Road, a designated segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, as well as links to MMWD lands, Samuel P. Taylor State Park, and the GGNRA.
3. It will provide public access to the Giacomini Open Space Preserve for all users.

Sincerely,

Harold, Elizabeth, Julia, and Nicholas Hedelman,

Woodacre CA, 94973

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Mary Chapman [marychap2@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 6:08 AM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** jeanberens@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Acquisition of Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County  
  
**Importance:** High

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Finally, it is important to note that it is listed in the National Marine Fisheries Service Coho Recovery Plan for habitat protection and land acquisition as well as listed by the Association of Bay Area Governments as a Priority Conservation Area for land acquisition.

Sincerely,



## Exhibit 3: Project Letters

Mary Chapman

Woodacre

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Marshall Krause [mrkruze@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 10:23 AM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** Jean Berensmeier  
**Subject:** Forest Knolls property

The addition of this property to our Open Space District will be a big step forward for preservation and we hope the Coastal Conservatory can come up with the money. Sincerely,

Mr & Mrs Marshall Krause,  
Box 70, San Geronimo, Ca 94963

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** John Snell [timbre@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 11:39 AM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** Jean Berensmeier  
**Subject:** preserve Morrison Property in San Geronimo Valley

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls and San Geronimo, Marin County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am a resident of the San Geronimo Valley (for 3 decades, previously residing in Nicasio). I am writing in support of Marin County Parks and Open Space District's application for \$450,000 to acquire the Morrison private property, located between Forest Knolls and San Geronimo. I am very pleased that your staff is recommending it for acquisition. Acquisition as open space is a high priority of the Valley.

I support acquisition of this property because:

- It will preserve public access to the Giacomini Open Space Preserve for all users via the Manzanita Fire Road, which runs through the middle of the property.
- It will also protect the Manzanita fire road connection to the San Geronimo Ridge Fire Road, a designated segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, as well as links to MMWD lands, Samuel P. Taylor State Park, and the GGNRA.
- It will protect a variety of species of special concern including two rare plants: the Mt. Tamalpais Manzanita and Bolinas Manzanita.
- It will provide and protect nesting areas for the northern spotted owl.
- It will preserve the unique "rock spiral" area, a precious community destination for over 4 decades.
- It will allow Parks to continue restoration projects that decrease erosion and sedimentation into San Geronimo Creek, which damages coho salmon habitat.

Finally, it is important to note that the Morrison property is listed in the National Marine Fisheries Service Coho Recovery Plan for habitat protection and land acquisition as well as listed by the Association of Bay Area Governments as a Priority Conservation Area for land acquisition.

Sincerely,  
John Snell  
San Geronimo



**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Linda Larsen [linda@lindalarsenartist.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 11:15 AM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** Jean Berensmeier  
**Subject:** open space acquisition

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am a resident of the western edge of Novato, California and often frequent the San Geronimo Valley on outdoor painting excursions. I am writing in support of Marin County Parks and Open Space District's application for \$450,000 to acquire the Morrison private property in Forest Knolls. I am pleased that your staff is recommending it for acquisition. It has been a high priority of the Valley since the Giacomini Open Space Preserve was acquired in 1995 and this was a 21 acre parcel that, regretfully, was excluded by the sellers.

I support it because:

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Linda Larsen  
44 Western Drive  
Novato CA 94947

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** veronica.kleinberg [vburos@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 10:45 AM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** jeanberens@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Support of acquiring private property for Marin Open Space

Dear Mr. Bosco:

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Sincerely,

Veronica Kleinberg  
Woodacre, CA

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** andy kislik [andy\_kislik@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 11:48 AM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** jeanberens@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Morrison Property Acquisition in Forest Knolls

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

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Sincerely,  
Andrew R. Kislik, Esq.  
Forest Knolls, CA 94933

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** marcia patrice ganeles-kislik [marcia@buurd.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 11:45 AM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** Jean Berensmeier  
**Subject:** Acquisition of Morrison property in Forest Knolls, CA

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

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Sincerely,  
Marcia P. Ganeles  
Forest Knolls, CA 94933

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Gaetano De Felice [tanodef@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 11:40 AM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** Jean Berensmeier

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State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

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Sincerely,  
Gaetano DeFelice  
Woodacre



**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Nicolay Terziev [findterziev@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 12:27 PM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** Jean Berensmeier  
**Subject:** support letter

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

As a San Geronimo Valley resident , I am writing in support of Marin County Parks and Open Space District's application for \$450,000 to acquire the Morrison private property in Forest Knolls. Thank you for your staff recommendation for its acquisition. The Valley has long considered this a priority for acquisition to open space.

I support it because:

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This property is listed in the National Marine Fisheries Service Coho Recovery Plan for habitat protection & land acquisition, and by the Association of Bay Area Governments as a Priority Conservation Area for land acquisition.

Sincerely,

Myra K. Terziev  
Woodacre

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Tim Cain [tim@timcain.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 1:25 PM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Morrison Property

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

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Sincerely,  
Tim Cain  
Woodacre, CA 94973

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Jbeckerley [Jbeckerley@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 4:07 PM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** jeanberens@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Morrison Property

Dear Mr. Bosco:

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John G. Beckerley  
San Geronimo, Ca.

### Exhibit 3: Project Letters

September 14, 2011

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of Marin County Parks and Open Space District's application for \$450,000 to acquire the Morrison private property in Forest Knolls. I am pleased that your staff is recommending it for acquisition. It has been a high priority of the Valley since the Giacomini Open Space Preserve was acquired in 1995 and this was a 21 acre parcel that, regretfully, was excluded by the sellers.

I am a resident of Forest Knolls and live at the entrance to the fire road that leads to this open space. I watch the daily parade of people who use this open space for recreation and exercise. This is an extremely popular trail and an important connection for people to access the ridge roads. I have been very concerned about development of this important area as most proposals would directly intrude on the quality of the open space.

It is also important to note that it is listed in the National Marine Fisheries Service Coho Recovery Plan for habitat protection and land acquisition as well as listed by the Association of Bay Area Governments as a Priority Conservation Area for land acquisition.

Thank you for considering this application as it is very important to our community

Sincerely,  
Wendi Kallins  
Box 201  
Forest Knolls, CA

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Melvyn Wright [wright.melvyn@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 15, 2011 1:33 PM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** Jean Berensmeier; Sarah Wright  
**Subject:** Letter to Douglas Bosco..

Douglas H Bosco, Chair

State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Subject: Acquisition of Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, California

Dear Mr Bosco,

As a resident of San Geronimo Valley, and full-time volunteer in habitat restoration work, I support Marin County Parks and Open Space District's application for funds to acquire the Morrison property in Forest Knolls.

This improved access to the Giacomini Open Space will discourage the use of "social trails", which cause erosion and the destruction of wildlife habitat. This will result in increased protections for our local stressed populations of Northern Spotted Owls, Coho Salmon, and Steelhead Trout, and for plants of special concern such as the Mt. Tamalpais and Bolinas Manzanitas.

Also, this application is very much in keeping with the National Marine Fisheries Service Coho Recovery Plan for habitat protection and land acquisition. It is also listed by the Association of Bay Area Governments as Priority Conservation Area for Land Acquisition.

I appreciate your consideration of my remarks.

Sincerely,

Melvyn L. Wright  
Woodacre, CA

Manager,  
Salmon Protection And Watershed Protection (SPAWN)  
Native Plant Nursery  
Forest Knolls, CA

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** amypfaffman@gmail.com on behalf of Amy Pfaffman [amy@amyjewelry.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 16, 2011 8:49 PM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

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Sincerely,  
Amy Pfaffman  
San Geronimo

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Charlie Wirtz Wirtz [2bobbins@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 18, 2011 7:27 PM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.CA.gov  
**Subject:** Morrison Property

To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I are residents of the San Geronimo Valley. We are writing in support of Marin County Parks and Open Space District application for \$450,000 to acquire the private property in Forest Knolls. We are pleased that your staff is recommending this land for acquisition.

As more than forty year users of this property, we look forward to this land finally becoming part of the Open Space in our beloved San Geronimo Valley. We are also happy this land will be preserved for future generations to use.

Respectfully,

Charlie and Judy Wirtz  
Forest Knolls, CA



**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Bonnie Nackley [bnackley@marin.k12.ca.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 16, 2011 3:54 PM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** kokopauli@sbglobal.new  
**Subject:** open space

To Whom It may concern:

My name is Bonnie Nackley and I live in Woodacre and teach at Lagunitas School District. I have resided in The Valley since 1982 and been at my present location since 1996.

I am in support of Marin County Parks and Recreation getting the funds to purchase Morrison property in Forest Knolls. This would be a wonderful acquisition for not only current residents of the valley, but future generations as well. This action would continue the cultural heritage that is the essence of Marin County. One parcel at a time we can continue to preserve what would be lost forever.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter,

Bonnie Nackley  
23 Fire Rd  
POB 1212  
Woodacre, Ca 94973



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**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Mindee Jeffery [mind33ee@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 16, 2011 1:32 PM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** jeanberens@comcast.net  
**Subject:** SGV Conservancy

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair

State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

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Sincerely,

Mindee A Jeffery  
Woodacre, CA

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Tina Whyte [2healing\_hands@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 16, 2011 10:17 AM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** Jean Berensmeier  
**Subject:** Morrison property acquisition

Dear Mr Bosco,

I support Marin County Parks enthusiastically in their application for \$450,000 to acquire the Morrison private property in Forest Knolls. Residents and visitors to the San Geronimo Valley have been so fortunate to have the opportunity to walk, hike and bicycle, provided by the easement agreement between private owners and the County to access this incredibly beautiful area that provides an important link to the Giacomini Open Space Preserve.

There is nothing better than to be able to walk from our home in Forest Knolls uphill to the inspiration of the day provided by Mother Nature. One never knows until you do it how rewarding this can be and how it can set the tone for the day.

I have seen many animals, deer, jackrabbit, fox, coyote, and always many birds greeting the day. The trees, manzanita, madrone, douglas firs and natural habitat are home to the northern spotted owl. It may be foggy, sunny or that incredible combination of sunlight rays filtering in diagonal lines between the branches of trees that lighten up everything.

This quiet personal alone time can be introspective, problem solving or simply joyous. Having company is great too. I meet many who use this land access to go to the rock circle to celebrate, remember loved ones and for their daily exercise.

I have stood on the swale looking East towards the rising sun and prayed that this land be preserved for future generations to come and that it remains open for all to use in respect and appreciation for one another and all beings.

As a priority Conservation Area for land acquisition, the Parks will be able to continue restoration projects that benefit coho salmon habitat. It will also protect the fire road connection to the San Geronimo Ridge fire road, providing a link to other trails and parks.

With much gratitude,

Tina Whyte  
Forest Knolls



**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Paul Berensmeier [kokopauli@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 16, 2011 10:09 AM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** Jean Berensmeier  
**Subject:** Acquisition: Morrison Property

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I strongly support the wonderful efforts by the Marin County Parks for the acquisition of the Morrison property right next to the Gary Giacomini Open Space Preserve. This place holds one of my fondest memories, for Grandpa and Dad decided I was old enough to accompany them on our first three generation hike in 1970 to the Rock Spiral. To my little 8-year-old body, it was a heroic pilgrimage. Influenced by hiking these beautiful areas, I began writing the "Wilderness Calls" column for the Valley paper Stone Soup. The beautiful Morrison property, with its unique line of tall Douglas Firs, provided the impetus for the first Wilderness Calls article because on a sunset walk with my dad when we saw over four hundred ravens roost, cawing and bustling around like a big black cloud in the tall firs. "Unbelievable!" as Grandpa liked to bellow out. Today I live in Grandpa's little cabin in Forest Knolls and hike regularly to the flat area below the Rock Spiral with my wife for our morning dance of gratitude to live in such an incredibly beautiful place.

In addition to my family enjoying this special area for many years, I think it is very important to note that the Morrison property is an extremely important connecting link for the communities of San Geronimo and Forest Knolls to the Giacomini Preserve, and, through Pt. Reyes National Seashore, connecting all the way out to the Pacific Ocean! Experiencing the beauty of hiking this area with three generations makes me realize how vital it is to protect this valuable resource for all people, for all generations to be privileged to hike with their families in perpetuity.

In great appreciation of your support,

Paul Berensmeier  
Forest Knolls

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** Audrey Zavell [a2znow@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 15, 2011 10:33 PM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Subject:** FW: Acquisition of the Morrison Property

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

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Finally, it is important to note that it is listed in the National Marine Fisheries Service Coho Recovery Plan for habitat protection and land acquisition as well as listed by the Association of Bay Area Governments as a Priority Conservation Area for land acquisition.

Sincerely,  
Audrey Zavell  
Lagunitas

**Joel Gerwein**

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**From:** David Bernard [davidj.bernard@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 15, 2011 10:23 AM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** James Raives; Jean Berensmeier  
**Subject:** Acquisition of the Morrison Property (APN 169-331-15), Forest Knolls, Marin County

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair

**Joel Gerwein, Project Manager**

State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am a resident of the San Geronimo Valley. I am writing in support of Marin County Parks and Open Space District's application for \$450,000 to acquire the Morrison private property in Forest Knolls. I am pleased that your staff is recommending it for acquisition. It has been a high priority of the Valley since the Giacomini Open Space Preserve was acquired in 1995 and this was a 21 acre parcel that, regrettably, was excluded by the sellers. I frequently hike on this property as do many of my neighbors and it is a key community and environmental resource.

I support it because:

- It will provide public access to the Giacomini Open Space Preserve for all users.
- It will protect a variety of species of special concern including two rare plants: the Mt. Tamalpais Manzanita and Bolinas Manzanita.
- It will provide and protect nesting areas for the northern spotted owl.
- It will preserve the unique "rock spiral", a community destination since the '60's.
- It will protect the fire road connection to the San Geronimo Ridge Fire Road, a designated segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, as well as links to MMWD lands, Samuel P. Taylor State Park, and the GGNRA.
- It will allow Parks to continue restoration projects that decrease erosion and sedimentation into San Geronimo Creek, which damages coho salmon habitat.

Finally, it is important to note that it is listed in the National Marine Fisheries Service Coho Recovery Plan for habitat protection and land acquisition as well as listed by the Association of Bay Area Governments as a Priority Conservation Area for land acquisition.

Sincerely,  
David and Julie Bernard  
60 Wild Iris Rd.  
PO Box 507  
San Geronimo, CA 94963  
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September 12, 2011

Mr. Douglas H. Bosco  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94616-2530

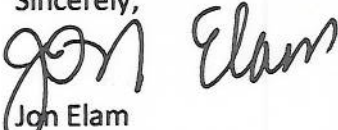
**Subject:** Marin County Parks, Morrison Property, Forest Knolls Acquisition

Dear Mr. Bosco,

This letter is written in support to urge the State Coastal Conservancy to provide fiscal support for our key parks and open space partner the Marin County Parks & Open Space District. This 22-acre parcel provides a unique opportunity to preserve public access to a significant parcel of open space in Marin County that will be heavily used by the region's citizens. The report on this has exceptionally documented the important nature of this project.

While TCSD does not connect to this specific project, we know how critical open space preservation is to our communities and the quality of life they provide. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Jon Elam  
General Manager

**Cc:** Marin County Parks & Open Space District

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Joel Gerwein

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**From:** Chris Morey [chriswest.morey@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 15, 2011 8:42 PM  
**To:** jgerwein@scc.ca.gov  
**Subject:** jeanberens@comcast.net

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am a long-time resident of the San Geronimo Valley. I am writing to support the application by the Marin County Parks and Open Space District for \$450,000 to purchase the Morrison property in Forest Knolls. I understand that your staff is also recommending this acquisition. It has been a high priority of the Valley since the Giacomini Open Space Preserve was acquired in 1995.

This is an important Open Space acquisition for the following reasons:

1. It will provide public access to the Giacomini Open Space Preserve for all users.
2. It will protect a variety of species of special concern including two rare plants: the Mt. Tamalpais Manzanita and Bolinas Manzanita.
3. It will provide and protect nesting areas for the northern spotted owl.
4. It will preserve the unique "rock spiral", a community destination since the '60's.
5. It will protect the fire road connection to the San Geronimo Ridge Fire Road, a designated segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, as well as links to MMWD lands, Samuel P. Taylor State Park, and the GGNRA.
6. It will allow Parks to continue restoration projects that decrease erosion and sedimentation into San Geronimo Creek, which damages coho salmon habitat.

As you may also be aware, this property is listed in the National Marine Fisheries Service Coho Recovery Plan for habitat protection and land acquisition. It is also listed by the Association of Bay Area Governments as a Priority Conservation Area for land acquisition.

Sincerely,  
Christine West Morey  
PO Box 336  
Woodacre, CA 94973



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Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

RE: Acquisition of the Morrison Property (APN 169-331-15), Forest Knolls, Marin County

Dear Chairman Bosco,

Sierra Club Marin Group supports the application from Marin County Parks, for the purchase of the Morrison property adjacent to the Gary Giacomini Open Space Preserve. We request your assistance in helping protect this key parcel for the public access and preservation of habitat it will provide.

Placing this 22-acre parcel into the Marin County Park system will protect environmentally valuable, undeveloped habitat, and a variety of local species, as well as provide key access to a well used and extensive public Open Space.

The Manzanita fire road, as a part of the acquisition, would be professionally managed to reduce erosion and sedimentation into the San Geronimo Creek, thereby increasing habitat protection for the endangered Coho salmon. It is also an access point to the San Geronimo Ridge fire road, which provides connectivity to a number of other Parks and public lands, as a designated part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail system.

Marin County Parks' appraisal estimates the value of the property at \$650,000, and has entered into a year-long purchase agreement with the property owner. The Coastal Conservancy staff is recommending that the grant application be funded in the amount of \$450,000. Marin County Parks has committed to \$100,000, and with additional fundraising from the community, the remaining \$100,000 may complete the purchase price.

Sierra Club urges the State Coastal Conservancy to approve the funding for Marin County Parks grant application to purchase the Morrison property for public Open Space.

Sincerely,

Elena Belsky,  
Parks Chair, Sierra Club Marin Group

cc: Linda Dahl, Director, Marin County Parks  
James Raives, Senior Planner, Marin County Parks



September 15, 2011

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am a long time resident- land owner in the San Geronimo Valley. I am writing in support of Marin County Parks and Open Space District's application for \$450,000 to acquire the Morrison private property in Forest Knolls. This parcel is a very important access point to the greater open space in the San Geronimo Valley, Bay Area Ridge Trail, MMWD lands, Samuel P. Taylor State Park and the GGNRA.

Along with access this land acquisition will provide protection for rare plants, nesting areas for the northern Spotted Owl and help support projects that decrease erosion and sedimentation into San Geronimo Creek. A hike to the beautiful-spiritual "rock spiral" has been a hike my family has taken for over 50 years. Providing access to this spot will preserve family history and traditions.

Finally, it is important to note that it is listed in the National Marine Fisheries Service Coho Recovery Plan for habitat protection and land acquisition as well as listed by the Association of Bay Area Governments as a Priority Conservation Area for land acquisition.

Sincerely,



Chloe and David Cook

Forest Knolls, California

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Douglas H. Bosco, Chair

State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Re: Acquisition of the Morrison Property, Forest Knolls, Marin County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of Marin County Parks and Open Space District's application for \$450,000 to acquire the Morrison private property in Forest Knolls. I am so grateful that your staff is recommending it for acquisition. My family has been residents of San Geronimo Valley for the past 50 years.

I support this acquisition because:

It will provide public access to the Giacomini Open Space Preserve for all users. I have been hiking through this particular property since I was a little girl 40 years ago.

It will protect a variety of species including the Northern Spotted Owl and two rare plants, the Manzanita and Bolinas Manzanita.

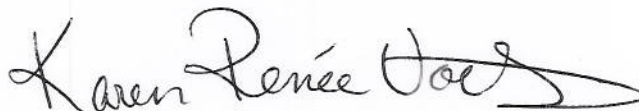
It will protect the fire road connection to the San Geronimo Ridge Fire Road, a designated segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, as well as links to MMWD lands, Samuel P. Taylor State Park and the GGNRA.

It will allow the Parks to continue restoration projects that decrease erosion and sedimentation into San Geronimo Creek, protecting the endangered Coho Salmon habitat.

It is also listed in the National Marine Fisheries Service Coho Recovery Plan for habitat protection and land acquisition as well as listed by the Association of Bay Area Governments as a Priority Conservation Area for land acquisition.

And, last but not least, the third generation of my family is now coming in starting with my granddaughter and I would love her to be able to hike up to one of my most beloved views of our home.

Sincerely,  
Karen Renee Voets  
San Geronimo Valley



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**From:** "Fred Mundy" <micon@comcast.net>  
**To:** <jgerwein@scc.ca.gov>  
**Cc:** "Jean Berensmeier" <jeanberens@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 15, 2011 8:48 PM  
**Subject:** Morrison property, San Geronimo Valley

Dear Mr. Bosco,

We write, as citizens of Forest Knolls, in support of the Marin County Parks' acquisition of the Morrison property above our hamlet. This is a vital pathway for many residents and a premium area to preserve if possible for all to enjoy and use. While in private hands, it has caused considerable strife in our community. We would love to see it protected. Thank you,

Fred Mundy

Carol Hodil-Mundy


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September 19, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
 California State Coastal Conservancy  
 1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

Re: Morrison Acquisition, Marin County

Our organization was created to help secure the greenbelts and trail networks around the communities of eastern and central Marin County by supplementing public funding with private contributions. We endorse the grant application for the purchase of the Morrison property in Forest Knolls and are committed to a capital campaign to raise the necessary funds. There is strong support in the local community for preservation of the Morrison property. We believe the prospects are very good for a successful effort to raise \$100,000 to complete the acquisition.

The existing dirt road through the Morrison parcel provides the key connection from the San Geronimo Valley community to the Gary Giacomini Open Space Preserve, the Bay Area Ridge Trail and the Mt. Tamalpais watershed lands. Acquisition would secure this route that would be threatened if the property were developed. Ownership by Marin County Open Space District would also assure protection of the critical habitat and control of erosion on this property that has suffered from past neglect and vandalism.

We urge your approval of the \$450,000 acquisition grant.

Sincerely,

Bill Long  
 Board Chair

Cc: Ms. Linda Dahl, Marin County Parks

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Douglas Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th floor  
Oakland, CA 94612 – 2530

Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property (APN 169-331-15), Forest Knolls, Marin County

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I strongly support the application from Marin County Parks for the acquisition of the Morrison property as described above. This property has a special place in many San Geronimo Valley residents' hearts. My family has hiked this land for three generations now, and counting. This land was used to help instill the importance of natural preservation to my sister, myself and many of my friends.

I was raised at 7159 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in Lagunitas, where my mother and grandmother still reside. I would like to have the opportunity to share this precious land with the future generations of the San Geronimo Valley.

Please carefully review the letter from the San Geronimo Valley Planning Group, Jean Berensmeier, Chair. Then consider granting our request for the additional funds toward acquisition of the Morrison property.

Thank you for your consideration.



Vanessa M. Jilot, CRPC®

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September 20, 2011



Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Purchase of Morrison (formerly Zangpo) Property

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Marin Horse Council wishes to go on record as strongly supporting the application of the Marin County Parks and Open Space Department toward the securing of a \$450,000 grant from the California State Coastal Conservancy to be applied toward the purchase of the Morrison (formerly Zangpo) property in San Geronimo Valley, Marin County.

The Marin Horse Council has always been keenly interested in preserving lands for open space and allowing public access to trails on open space lands. In addition to preserving an important part of Marin's unique resources (including at least two known rare species of plants and habitat for the Northern Spotted Owl), the securing of the Morrison (Zangpo) parcel will preserve an existing public trail access and eliminate the need to build an environmentally damaging bypass trail over pristine forested land that is a watershed to a creek known to be habitat for coho salmon.

Thank you for your consideration of the grant application and the purchase proposal.

Respectfully,

Joel Bartlett  
Marin Horse Council/President



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Tiburon, September 20, 2011

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property (APN 169-331-15), Forest Knolls, Marin County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Marin chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) supports the application by Marin County Parks for the acquisition of the Morrison property adjacent to the Gary Giacomini Open Space Preserve.

In addition to a mixed evergreen forest with nesting areas for the northern spotted owl, this property supports chaparral, some of which occurs on serpentine. Two rare manzanitas are known from the site: Mt. Tamalpais manzanita (*Arctostaphylos montana*) and Bolinas manzanita (*A. virgata*). As a result of the "unusual" chemical composition of serpentine soil, many species are restricted to such soils. It is highly that other special-status species associated with this soil type are present, including Oakland star tulip (*Calochortus umbellatus*); Tamalpais lessingia (*Lessingia micradenia* var. *micradenia*); Tamalpais jewelflower (*Streptanthus batrachopus*); bristly leptosiphon (*Leptosiphon acicularis*); Mt. Tamalpais thistle (*Cirsium hydrophilum* var. *vaseyi*); and others. Most of these species have limited distributions.

Acquisition of this property would also preserve in perpetuity public access to the Preserve via the Manzanita Fire Road. It would allow Parks to continue their efforts to improve the condition of the fire road, thereby decreasing erosion and reducing sedimentation into San Geronimo Creek, which damages coho salmon habitat.

CNPS strongly supports the funding of Parks' grant application in the amount of \$450,000 and the purchase of this important property.

Sincerely,

Eva Buxton  
Conservation Chair

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September 20, 2011

Doug Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor,  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council I would like to express support for funding the grant application from Marin County Parks for the acquisition of the Morrison property (APN 169-331-15) in Forest Knolls, Marin County, adjacent to the Gary Giacomini Open Space Preserve.

The mission of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council is to create a continuous 550-mile hiking, biking and riding trail on the ridgelines above San Francisco Bay – linking people, parks and open spaces. A key component is also to create community trail connections from where people live, work and study to facilitate access to the regional trail.

The proposed acquisition is significant because it will help resolve access local access issues and because it will provide the opportunity to create a connection to the Ridge Trail (the San Geronimo Ridge Fire Road), as well as links to other public lands, including Marin Municipal Water District lands, Samuel P. Taylor State Park and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Again, the Council supports this application and the purchase of this important property. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janet McBride

Janet McBride  
Executive Director

cc: Linda Dahl, Director, Marin County Parks

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### Exhibit 3: Project Letters

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th floor, Oakland, CA 94612 - 2530  
Email sent to Joel Gerwein, project manager - [jgerwein@scc.ca.gov](mailto:jgerwein@scc.ca.gov)

Subject: Acquisition of the Morrison Property (APN 169-331-15), Forest Knolls, Marin County

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I support the application from Marin County Parks for the acquisition of the Morrison property adjacent to the Gary Giacomini Open Space Preserve. Three generations of my family have hiked this land for many years. The inclusion of this important land bridge from the villages of San Geronimo and Forest Knolls to the Giacomini Preserve will provide for generations to come access to vistas of our Valley and hiking trails that lead East to Fairfax or west to Pt Reyes National Seashore.

We live at 7159 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in Lagunitas. Walking from our home to Forest Knolls and then on up through the Morrison property is how we access the Giacomini Preserve. Over 20 years ago when I would ask my daughters if they'd like to go for a hike the answer was always a resounding 'No!', if I said do you want to go to the 'Spiral' (a special little rock out cropping on the Morrison Property), the answer was an enthusiastic 'Yes'. This property taught my daughters to love the outdoors, to recognize native plants and animals, enjoy views from above the Valley and share wonderful outdoor adventures with family and friends.

Please carefully review the letter from the San Geronimo Valley Planning Group, Jean Berensmeier, Chair. Then consider granting our request for the additional funds toward acquisition of the Morrison property.

Gratefully,

Linda Nave  
P.O. Box 498, Lagunitas Ca 94938  
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